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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a CONTINUATION-IN-PART application of pending PCT/EP00/08247 which has designated the U.S., filed on August 24, 2000 of **Una CHEN** for **METHOD FOR GROWING STEM CELLS**. The application comprises a 35-page specification, including 17 claims (2 independent) and Abstract and 56 sheets of drawings.

A certified copy of **European** Application No. 99116533.3, filed **August 24, 1999**, will be filed in due course, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (without Declaration or Filing Fee). The required Declaration and Filing Fee will be filed subsequently. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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